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1. EP 0 805 163 A2, published November 5, 1997 to Kao Corporation.
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,265,479 B1 issued July 24, 2001 was previously submitted on September 27, 2004.
3. U.S. Patent No. 2,116,089 A issued May 3, 1938 to Wallerstein Leo.
4. GB 2 179 355 A, published March 4, 1987 to The Board of the Rubber Research Institute of Malaysia.
5. EP 1 149 902 A, published October 31, 2001 to Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.

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